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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AN-NAHAR PUBLISHER GHASSAN TUENI

1. TUENI HAS WRITTEN ME TO SAY THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 15 THROUGH 18 AT SHOREHAM HOTEL TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS, WITH HAROLD EVAN OF LONDON TIMES AND RAMOND LOUW OF DAILY MAIL OF JOHAANESBURG, HE WILL BE ON PANEL DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF NON-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS RE FREEDOM OF PRESS. HE WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON A FEW DAYS AFTER CONVENTION TO SEE FRIENDS. TUENI HAS NOT REPEAT NOT ASKED FOR ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT. HE HAS MANY FRIENDS, OF COURSE, IN WASHINGTON BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND POSSIBLY OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT ACCORD HIM 15 OR 20 MINUTES.

2. I ASSUME SENATOR ABOUREZK WILL BE CONTACTED BY TUENI, BUT H MIGHT WISH TO ASSURE THAT INFORMATION REACHES SENATOR AND ALSO SENATOR MCGOVERN, IN WHOSE HONOR TUENI GAVE LUNCHEON IN BEIRUT.

3. USIA MAY WISH SEND OBSERVERS AND/OR ARRANGE APPROPRIATE MEDIAT COVERAGE OF TUENI'S PANEL DISCUSSION AT CONVENTION.
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